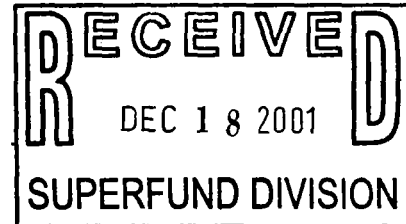




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December 14, 2001

Deena Sheppard-Johnson
Remedial Enforcement Support System
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region V
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Chemical Recovery Systems Site, Elyria, OH
General Notice Letter Issued to Akzo Nobel Inc.

Dear Ms. Sheppard-Johnson:

I recently had conversations with Mr. Thomas Nash and Mr. Tom Marks of your office concerning the recent General Notice Letter your office sent to Akzo Nobel Inc. I have also left several voicemail messages for you concerning my request that EPA allow Akzo Nobel additional time for responding to your materials.

Both Mr. Marks and Mr. Nash have informed me that neither of them have authority to respond to my request that both the 10 and 30 day time periods stated in your letter be extended, and that I should therefore direct my request for additional time exclusively to you. I would therefore appreciate it if you would call me at your convenience at 312.906.7598 to discuss your letter and my request.

Since it appears that you are very busy and have not had the opportunity to contact me yet, I will assume until I hear from you to the contrary that submitting a response to your office by Wednesday, January 2, 2002 is acceptable to you. If it is not, please let me know at the earliest opportunity.

Your anticipated cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Regards,

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